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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 9 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Letter dated 31 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/287)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

Announcement

A formal meeting of the Security Council will be held on Wednesday, 16 December 1998, at 10.30 a.m., in the Security Council Chamber, to consider the agenda item entitled "Maintenance of peace and security and post-conflict peace-building". The list of speakers is open for inscriptions. Interested delegations may contact the Secretariat at telephone no. (212) 963-5257 or Room S-3520D.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 84th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/108) [17 (g)]

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan: the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (c) and 45]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/346, A/53/455, A/53/695)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.66)

3 p.m. 85th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/53/615) [100]

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/53/616) [101]

3. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/53/617) [102]

4. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/53/618) [103]

5. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]:

   (a) Report of the Third Committee (A/53/619)

   (b) Amendment (A/53/L.69)

6. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/53/620) [105]

7. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/53/621) [106]

8. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: report of the Third Committee (A/53/622) [107]

9. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]:

   (a) Report of the Third Committee (A/53/623)

   (b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/727)

10. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/53/624) [109]

11. Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625) [110]:

   (a) Implementation of human rights instruments:

      (i) Report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.1)

      (ii) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/728)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms:

(i) Report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.2)

(ii) Amendment (A/53/L.70)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.3)

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.4)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.5)

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Third Committee (A/53/614) [12]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/16 (Chapter II), A/53/220 and A/53/718 and Corr.1))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Guidelines for Internal Control Standards (A/52/867 and A/53/508) and Results-based budgeting (A/53/500 and Add.1 and A/53/655))

9.30 p.m.-12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (United Nations common system (A/53/30 and Corr.1, A/52/811, A/C.5/53/4, A/C.5/53/27 and A/53/688))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Meeting with the Board of Auditors

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be meetings of the Focus Group of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters *today*, 9 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Allocation of Seats for the World Food Programme Executive Board, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), *today*, 9 December 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 9 December 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(on Third Committee matters)

11 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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There will be an informal meeting of the Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Development Programme on the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights *today*, 9 December 1998, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian Regional Group of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund *today*, 9 December 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to review developments in 1998, the election of the President of the Executive Board and other matters.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 10 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	86th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall and Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	87th PLENARY MEETING	Conference Room 4
9.30 p.m.	88th PLENARY MEETING	Conference Room 4

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: draft resolution (A/53/L.67) [46 (a)]*

* See list of speakers below.

List of speakers for the commemoration

1. Algeria
2. Canada
3. United States
4. United Kingdom (The Rt. Hon. Clare Short, MP, Secretary of State for International Development)
5. Norway (H.E. Ms. Hilde Frafjord Johnson, Minister for International Development and Human Rights)
6. Japan
7. Austria (on behalf of the European Union)
8. New Zealand
9. Kyrgyzstan
10. Mexico (H.E. Carmen Moreno de Del Cueto, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs)
11. Syrian Arab Republic
12. Jordan
13. Australia
14. Andorra
15. Palestine[§]
16. Oman
17. Benin
18. Mozambique
19. Monaco
20. Iceland
21. Botswana
22. Tunisia
23. Mongolia
24. Singapore
25. Argentina
26. Brazil
27. Croatia
28. Nigeria
29. Cuba
30. Ecuador
31. Chile
32. Thailand (H.E. M.R. Sukhumband Paribatra, Deputy Foreign Minister)
33. Colombia
34. Peru
35. China
36. Romania
37. Lithuania (H.E. Mr. Vytautas Pakalniskis, Minister of Justice)
38. Malta

39. Costa Rica
40. Pakistan
41. Uganda
42. Venezuela (H.E. Mr. Asdrubal Aguiar, Minister of Interior)
43. Ukraine
44. Liechtenstein
45. Bangladesh
46. India
47. Egypt
48. Belarus
49. Guyana
50. United Arab Emirates
51. El Salvador
52. Malaysia
53. Kazakhstan
54. Paraguay
55. Uruguay
56. Lebanon
57. Burkina Faso
58. Poland (H.E. Mr. Janusz Stańczyk, Deputy Foreign Minister)
59. Germany
60. Senegal
61. Solomon Islands
62. South Africa
63. Turkey
64. Philippines
65. Georgia
66. Republic of Korea
67. Morocco
68. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
69. Côte d'Ivoire
70. Israel
71. Islamic Republic of Iran
72. Namibia
73. Yemen
74. Cyprus
75. Czech Republic
76. Myanmar
77. Hungary
78. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
79. Republic of Moldova
80. Russian Federation
81. Sri Lanka
82. Viet Nam
83. Bahrain
84. Cameroon
85. Armenia
86. Latvia
87. Samoa
88. Haiti
89. Azerbaijan
90. Honduras
91. Bulgaria
92. Indonesia
93. Fiji
94. United Republic of Tanzania
95. Liberia
96. Lesotho
97. Niger
98. Dominican Republic
99. Guatemala

100. Italy
101. Jamaica
102. Maldives
103. Qatar
104. Panama
105. Mali
106. Eritrea
107. Lao People's Democratic Republic
108. Uzbekistan
109. Democratic Republic of the Congo
110. Gabon
111. Mauritania
112. Mauritius
113. Sudan
114. Ethiopia
115. Swaziland

1. International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (Dr. Astrid Heiberg President)
2. Switzerland
3. Holy See
4. International Committee of the Red Cross
5. Latin American Parliament (Mr. Juan Adolfo Singer, MP, President)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 42nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Friday, 11 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The thirty-third session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be held on Thursday, 10 December 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

The Committee will also hold an informal meeting with the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations on Friday, 11 December (time and place to be announced).

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day on Friday, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan).

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first-come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Permanent missions must ensure that standard delegation passes are obtained and other logistic arrangements are made for their participating representatives.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder@un.org)).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal meetings

There will be a short open-ended meeting on Thursday, 10 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room D, to consider a final document for the National Y2K Coordinators meeting called by the Working Group on Informatics. All delegations are invited to attend

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There will be a meeting of the group of interested States established in pursuance of operative paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures) on Monday 14 December 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C. The meeting will hear briefings on the "Training for trainers" seminar held in Yaoundé (27-31 July 1998), the workshop on "Weapons collection and integration of former combatants in Central America" held in Guatemala (18-20 November1998) and the implementation of the Pilot Project on Weapons Collection in Albania. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Informal presentation

A presentation on "Science for the Sustainability Transition", organized by the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will be given by Professor William Clark, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, on Friday, 11 December 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room D. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The Interim Steering Committee of the Millennium NGO Forum will hold a meeting on the theme "Process, Structure and Content of the Proposed Millennium NGO Forum" on Thursday, 17 December 1998, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Representatives of all non-governmental organizations, as well as interested members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff, are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 7 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

81st plenary meeting

Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers [160]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/574 and Corr.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.43/Rev.1)

The representative of Pakistan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.43/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77), Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Singapore, India, Venezuela, the Syrian Arab Republic, Senegal, Lesotho, Japan, the United States, Chile and Panama.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.43/Rev.1 (resolution 53/86).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 160.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/707) [17 (a)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/53/707), appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on the Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999: Nazareth A. Incera, Ahmad Kamal, Rajat Saha, Nicholas A. Thorne, Fumiaki Toya and Gian Luigi Valenza.

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/708) [17 (b)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 its report (A/53/708), appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999: Pieter Johannes Bierma, Paul Ekorong A Ndong, Neil Hewitt Francis and Henry Hanson-Hall.

The Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of the same report, appointed: Sergio Chaparro Ruiz from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2000; Bernardo Greiver from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001; Eduardo Iglesias from 1 January to 31 December 1999, and from 1 January to 31 December 2001.

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/709) [17 (c)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/53/709), appointed the Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines as a member of the United Nations Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1999.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/710) [17 (d)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/53/710), confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investment Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999: Yves Oltramare, Emmanuel Noi Omaboe and Jürgen Reimnitz.

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/711) [17 (e)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/711), appointed the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999: Kevin Haugh and Deborah Taylor Ashford.

(f) International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/712) [17 (f)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/712), appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999: Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor, Turkia Daddah, Wolfgang Stöckl, Carlos S. Vegega and Eugeniusz Wyzner.

The Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in the same paragraph, also designated Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor as Chairman, and Carlos S. Vegega as Vice-Chairman, of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 17.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/53/L.62) [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/53/L.59) [20 (a)]

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/53/L.33/Rev.2, A/53/L.44, A/53/L.63) [20 (b)]

(c) *Assistance to the Palestinian people* [20 (d)]:

(i) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.54/Rev.1, A/53/L.56);

(ii) Draft decision (A/53/L.65)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 20.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/53/L.62 and A/53/L.54/Rev.1.

The representative of Sweden made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.59.

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.63.

The representative of Morocco made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.33/Rev.2.

The representative of Tajikistan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.44.

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft decision A/53/L.65 and informed the Assembly that the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/53/L.56 had withdrawn the draft resolution.

In connection with draft resolution A/53/L.63 and draft decision A/53/L.65, the General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of its rules of procedure.

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/53/L.62, A/53/L.59 and A/53/L.54/Rev.1 (resolutions 53/87, 53/88 and 53/89) and draft resolutions A/53/L.33/Rev.2, A/53/L.44 and A/53/L.63 (resolutions 53/1 J to L).

By 131 votes to 4, with 0 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted draft decision A/53/L.65.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representative of the Russian Federation and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Assembly decided to concluded its consideration of agenda items 20 (a) and (d).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 20 (b).

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: draft resolution (A/53/L.39/Rev.1) [24]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 24.

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/53/L.39/Rev.1.

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.39/Rev.1, as orally corrected (resolution 53/90).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 24.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: draft resolution (A/53/L.21/Rev.1) [35]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 35.

The representative of Burkina Faso made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.21/Rev.1.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.21/Rev.1 (resolution 53/91).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 35.

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: draft resolution (A/53/L.40/Rev.1) [164]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 164.

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he introduced, and orally corrected, draft resolution A/53/L.40/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the United States.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.40/Rev.1 as orally corrected (resolution 53/92).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 164.

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]:

(a) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.20, A/53/L.22/Rev.2)

(b) Reports of the Fifth Committee (A/53/698, A/53/699)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 44.

The Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/53/L.20 and A/53/L.22/Rev.2 (resolutions 53/93 and 53/94).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 44.

Programme of work

The President informed the Assembly that agenda item 17 (g) (Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences) scheduled for that afternoon and agenda item 57 (Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte) scheduled for the following day would be taken up at a later date.

Tuesday, 8 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3952nd meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

Report of the Secretary-General (S/1998/1109)

Letter dated 23 November 1998 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/1139)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/1140, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/1140).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States, Costa Rica, Japan, China, Slovenia, the United Kingdom, Sweden, France, the Gambia, Portugal, Kenya, Brazil, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Bahrain.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1140) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1214 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

82nd plenary meeting

Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [52]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 52.

Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [53]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 53.

Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [54]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 54.

Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [55]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 55.

Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development [56]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 56.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/53/L.31, A/53/L.64) [20 (b)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 20 (b).

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.64.

The representative of Mauritania made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.31.

The Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/53/L.31 and A/53/L.64 (resolutions 53/1 M and 53/1 N).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 20 (b).

The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [43]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/564)

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.57)

(c) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/732)

The representative of Venezuela made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.57.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the Dominican Republic, Canada, Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and Haiti.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.57 (resolution 53/95).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 43.

83rd plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 83rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No 1998/237).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 41st meeting

United Nations pension system [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.15.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Canada.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee also decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that should it approve draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.15, the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, as indicated in paragraph 15 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/3), would be reduced by $625,400.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8)

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, the United States, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Cuba and Austria (on behalf of the European Union).

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin the same day, Tuesday, 8 December, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System (A/53/573, A/53/662 and A/53/7/Add.7)

The Chairman made a statement regarding the outstanding report requested in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 52/227.

A statement was made by the representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Norway).

Statements on the procedural aspects of the consideration of the question were made by the representatives of Uganda, Cuba and Pakistan.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services responded to a question posed.

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the Committee agreed to adjourn the general discussion of this question at this stage and to return to this matter at a later meeting.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/16 (Chapter II), A/53/220 and A/53/718 and Corr.1)

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), the United States, the Russian Federation, China and Bangladesh.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin the same day, Tuesday, 8 December, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Niue (8 December 1998)

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 18 May 1978

Acceptance: Greece (7 December 1998)*

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Signature: Madagascar (8 December 1998)

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Kyrgyzstan (8 December 1998)

Amendment to article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 20 May 1965

Acceptance: Greece (7 December 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events on the occasion of the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at United Nations Headquarters

[All events are open to delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media. In-house television will provide live coverage of the events during the day.]

9 December 1998

Human Rights Film Festival, organized by the International Council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, in cooperation with the United Nations, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium *today*, 9 December 1998

Screening of each film at 6 p.m., each followed by a panel discussion

10 December 1998

9 a.m. to 9.40 a.m. Video conference between H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic

11.15 a.m. Press conference of the Human Rights Prize winners [Open to the media only]

11.45 a.m. Opening of the UNICEF exhibit, entitled "Child Rights: A New Era for Children", by Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts (Main gallery of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

12.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "For Everyone, Everywhere" (English, 30 minutes). Panel discussion to follow (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

1.05 p.m. Opening of the DPI Human Rights Exhibit by the Secretary-General, with the President of the General Assembly, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Human Rights Prize winners (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

1.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "Tous les êtres humains..." (French, 30 minutes) (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. UNICEF, UNHCR and Amnesty International presentation on the theme "For the Worldwide Right to Asylum", hosted by Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts, with statements by senior United Nations officials, human rights advocates and artists (Conference Room 1)

5.30 p.m. Presentation of children's passport version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the Secretary-General by three United Nations Messengers of Peace: Anna Cataldi, Michael Douglas and Luciano Pavarotti (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

6.30 p.m. Special event, including an introduction of the Human Rights Prize winners and the presenta-tion of the Human Rights Website of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 250 languages, co-sponsored by the Republic of San Marino, the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights and the Department of Public Information (DPI), followed by a reception, hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. Recital by Luciano Pavarotti and Wynton Marsalis (General Assembly Hall). *Tickets to be issued.* Doors to open at 7.15 p.m.

[*Note:* There will be a simultaneous broadcast of the recital in the Economic and Social Council Chamber for delegates, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the mecia without tickets but with valid United Nations ground passes.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 10 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	86th PLENARY MEETING*	General Assembly Hall and Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	87th PLENARY MEETING*	Conference Room 4
9.30 p.m.	88th PLENARY MEETING*	Conference Room 4

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: draft resolution (A/53/L.67) [46 (a)]**

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* A live webcast of the three plenary meetings will be available on the United Nations Website on the Internet at the following address: http://www.un.org/rights/50/anniversary.htm

** See list of speakers below. At its 76th plenary meeting on 2 December 1998, the General Assembly decided that statements made in the plenary during the commemoration would be limited to five minutes. Copies of statements should be delivered directly to Conference Room 4.

Announcement

A formal meeting of the Security Council will be held on Wednesday, 16 December 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, to consider the agenda item entitled "Maintenance of peace and security and post-conflict peace-building". The list of speakers is open for inscriptions. Interested delegations may contact the Secretariat at telephone no. (212) 963-5257 or Room S-3520D.

List of speakers for the commemoration

1. Algeria
2. Canada
3. United States
4. United Kingdom (The Rt. Hon. Clare Short, MP, Secretary of State for International Development)
5. Norway (H.E. Ms. Hilde Frafjord Johnson, Minister for International Development and Human Rights)
6. Japan
7. Austria (on behalf of the European Union)
8. New Zealand
9. Kyrgyzstan
10. Mexico (H.E. Ms. Carmen Moreno de Del Cueto, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs)
11. Syrian Arab Republic
12. Jordan
13. Australia
14. Andorra
15. Palestine[§]
16. Oman
17. Benin
18. Mozambique
19. Monaco
20. Iceland
21. Botswana
22. Tunisia
23. Mongolia
24. Singapore
25. Argentina
26. Brazil
27. Croatia
28. Nigeria
29. Cuba
30. Ecuador (H.E. Mr. Ramón Jiménez Carbo (Attorney-General)
31. Chile
32. Thailand (H.E. M.R. Sukhumband Paribatra, Deputy Foreign Minister)
33. Colombia
34. Peru
35. China
36. Romania
37. Lithuania (H.E. Mr. Vytautas Pakalniskis, Minister of Justice)
38. Malta
39. Costa Rica
40. Pakistan
41. Uganda
42. Venezuela (H.E. Mr. Asdrubal Aguiar, Minister of Interior)
43. Ukraine
44. Liechtenstein
45. Bangladesh
46. India
47. Egypt
48. Belarus
49. Guyana
50. United Arab Emirates
51. El Salvador
52. Malaysia
53. Kazakhstan
54. Paraguay
55. Uruguay
56. Lebanon
57. Burkina Faso
58. Poland (H.E. Mr. Janusz Stańczyk, Deputy Foreign Minister)
59. Germany

60. Senegal (H.E. Mr. Jacques Baudin, Minister for Foreign Affairs)
61. Solomon Islands
62. South Africa
63. Turkey
64. Philippines
65. Georgia
66. Republic of Korea
67. Morocco
68. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
69. Côte d'Ivoire
70. Israel
71. Islamic Republic of Iran
72. Namibia
73. Yemen
74. Cyprus
75. Czech Republic
76. Myanmar
77. Hungary
78. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
79. Republic of Moldova
80. Russian Federation
81. Sri Lanka
82. Viet Nam
83. Bahrain
84. Cameroon
85. Armenia
86. Latvia
87. Samoa
88. Haiti
89. Azerbaijan
90. Honduras
91. Bulgaria
92. Indonesia
93. Fiji
94. United Republic of Tanzania
95. Liberia
96. Lesotho
97. Niger
98. Dominican Republic
99. Guatemala
100. Italy
101. Jamaica
102. Maldives
103. Qatar
104. Panama
105. Mali
106. Eritrea
107. Lao People's Democratic Republic
108. Uzbekistan
109. Democratic Republic of the Congo
110. Gabon
111. Mauritania
112. Mauritius
113. Sudan
114. Ethiopia
115. Swaziland
116. Kuwait
117. Nicaragua
118. Sierra Leone
119. Iraq
120. Bhutan

(continued overleaf)

1. International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (Dr. Astrid Heiberg, President)
2. Switzerland
3. Holy See
4. International Committee of the Red Cross
5. Latin American Parliament (Mr. Juan Adolfo Singer, MP, President)
6. Sovereign Military Order of Malta

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 42nd meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.16

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   (a) Financial arrangements associated with the dining room at the International Court of Justice

   Action on draft decision A/C.5/53/L.17

   (b) Integrated Management Information System independent experts study (A/53/662, A/53/573 and A/53/7/Add.7)

   Introduction and general discussion

   (c) Relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund (A/C.5/52/42 and A/53/7/Add.9)

   Introduction and general discussion

   (d) Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 (A/C.5/53/2)

   (e) Consolidation of technical secretariat servicing of intergovernmental bodies (A/53/452)

   Introduction and general discussion

   (f) Letter dated 29 October 1998 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/53/31)

   (g) The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

   Consideration of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.66

   (A/C.5/53/45 and A/53/734)

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system (A/53/171/Add.1)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [123] (A/52/799/Add.1and A/53/722)

   Introduction and general discussion

5. Organization of work

Morning-* 1 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 123 (Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (A/52/799/Add.1 and A/53/722)), 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice (A/C.5/53/11 and A/53/7/Add.6)) and 119 (Human resources management (A/53/642, A/53/501, A/C.5/52/2, A/52/814, A/53/266, A/53/327, A/53/342, A/53/375 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), A/53/385, A/53/414, A/53/502 and Add.1, A/53/526 and Add.1, A/53/548, A/C.5/53/L.3, A/C.5/53/34 and Corr.1 and A/53/691))

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 145 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/53/32 and Corr.1, A/51/946, A/52/7, A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16, A/53/21, A/53/221, A/53/257, A/53/508 and A/53/669))

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* Following the adjournment of the 42nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (MIPONUH)
2. United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING, STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Thirty-third session

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

[The membership of the Committee is as follows: Canada, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Uruguay.]

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be meetings of the Focus Group of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters *today*, 10 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 10 December 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on the Commission on Sustainable Development: consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

AFRICAN GROUP:
EXPERT GROUP ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal meeting

There will be a short open-ended meeting *today*, 10 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room D, to consider a final document for the National Y2K Coordinators meeting called by the Working Group on Informatics. All delegations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 11 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Friday, 11 December 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1998

Informal consultations will take place, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Vice-President of the Council, on Monday, 14 December 1998, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7, on implementation of resolutions 50/227 and 52/12B.

Informal consultations will take place, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Council, on Tuesday, 15 December 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on all matters before the resumed substantive session of the Council.

The resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, 16 and 17 December 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Informal consultations on consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption will be held by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Monday, 14 December 1998, at 3 p.m., Thursday, 17 December, at 10 a.m. and on Friday, 18 December, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. All meetings will be held in Conference Room 8.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

The Committee will also hold an informal meeting with the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations, open to all delegations and non-governmental organizations, on Friday, 11 December 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Chamber.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day *tomorrow*, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan).

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first-come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Permanent missions must ensure that standard delegation passes are obtained and other logistic arrangements are made for their participating representatives.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder@un.org)).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Commission on Sustainable Development : consumer protection guidelines for sustainable development)* on Monday, 14 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Informal meetings

There will be a meeting of the group of interested States established in pursuance of operative paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures) on Monday 14 December 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C. The meeting will hear briefings on the "Training for trainers" seminar held in Yaoundé (27-31 July 1998), the workshop on "Weapons collection and integration of former combatants in Central America" held in Guatemala (18-20 November 1998) and the implementation of the Pilot Project on Weapons Collection in Albania. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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The Interim Steering Committee of the Millennium NGO Forum will hold a meeting on the theme "Process, Structure and Content of the Proposed Millennium NGO Forum" on Thursday, 17 December 1998, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Representatives of all non-governmental organizations, as well as interested members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff, are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

A presentation on "Science for the Sustainability Transition", organized by the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will be given by Professor William Clark, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, on Friday, 11 December 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room D. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 8 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

83rd plenary meeting

Reports of the Sixth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 146 to 156.

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/627) [146]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/53/627) (resolution 53/96).

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in explanation of vote.

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 146.

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/628) [147]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/628) (resolution 53/97).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 147.

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/629) [148]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/629) (resolution 53/98).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 148.

United Nations Decade of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/630) [149]

The representative of Ecuador made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I, II and III recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 17 of its report (A/53/630) (resolutions 53/99, 53/100 and 53/101).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 149.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/631) [150]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/53/631) (resolution 53/102).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 150.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-first session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/632) [151]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/632) (resolution 53/103).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 151.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/633) [152]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/53/633) (resolution 53/104).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 152.

Establishment of an international criminal court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/634) [153]

The representative of Colombia made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/53/634) (resolution 53/105).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 153.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/635) [154]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/53/635) (resolution 53/106 and 53/107).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 154.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/636) [155]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/53/636) (resolution 53/108).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Sudan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Pakistan.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United States and the Sudan.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 155.

Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations: report of the Sixth Committee (A/53/637) [156]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/637).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 156.

Organization of work [8]

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Wednesday, 9 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

84th plenary meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/108) [17 (g)]

The General Assembly took note of the appointment by the President of Algeria, Austria, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Nepal and the United States as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 17 (g).

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan: the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (c) and 45]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/346, A/53/455, A/53/695)

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.66)

The representative of Germany made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.66.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the United States, Turkey, Japan, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The Assembly was informed that, in order to allow time for the review of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.66, action on the draft resolution would be taken at a later date to be announced.

Programme of work

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [46 (a)]

The President informed the General Assembly that in connection with the plenary meetings devoted to the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on Thursday, 10 December 1998, delegations wishing to have the text of their statements distributed during the commemorative meetings should deliver copies of their statements directly to Conference Room 4. The statements may be brought as of 9 a.m., on Thursday, 10 December 1998.

Postponement of date of recess

The General Assembly decided to postpone its date of recess from Friday, 11 December 1998, to Thursday, 17 December 1998.

Tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly

The President also informed the Assembly that the General Assembly would consider the reports of the Second Committee on Tuesday, 15 December 1998, in the morning.

85th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 85th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No 1998/238).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989

Ratification: Belgium (8 December 1998)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Australia (9 December 1998)

United Nations Convention on Independent Guarantees and Stand-by Letters of Credit. New York, 11 December 1995

Accession: Tunisia (8 December 1998)*

Entry into force: 1 January 2000 in accordance with article 28 (1) of the Convention

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events on the occasion of the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at United Nations Headquarters

[All events are open to delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media. In-house television will provide live coverage of the events during the day.]

10 December 1998

9 a.m. to 9.40 a.m. Video conference between H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic*

11.15 a.m. Press conference of the Human Rights Prize winners [Open to the media only]

11.45 a.m. Opening of the UNICEF exhibit, entitled "Child Rights: A New Era for Children", by Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts (Main gallery of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

12.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "For Everyone, Everywhere" (English, 30 minutes). Panel discussion to follow (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

1.05 p.m. Opening of the DPI Human Rights Exhibit by the Secretary-General, with the President of the General Assembly, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Human Rights Prize winners (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

1.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "Tous les êtres humains..." (French, 30 minutes) (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. UNICEF, UNHCR and Amnesty International presentation on the theme "For the Worldwide Right to Asylum", hosted by Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts, with statements by senior United Nations officials, human rights advocates and artists (Conference Room 1)

* A live webcast of this event will be available on the United Nations Website on the Internet at the following address:

5.30 p.m. Presentation of children's passport version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the Secretary-General by three United Nations Messengers of Peace: Anna Cataldi, Michael Douglas and Luciano Pavarotti (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

6.30 p.m. Special event, including an introduction of the Human Rights Prize winners and the presentation of the Human Rights Website of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 250 languages, co-sponsored by the Republic of San Marino, the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights and the Department of Public Information (DPI), followed by a reception, hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)*

8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. Recital by Luciano Pavarotti and Wynton Marsalis (General Assembly Hall). *Tickets to be issued.* Doors to open at 7.15 p.m.

[*Note:* There will be a simultaneous broadcast of the recital in the Economic and Social Council Chamber for delegates, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media without tickets but with valid United Nations ground passes.

* A live webcast of this event will be available on the United Nations Website on the Internet at the following address:

http://www.un.org/rights/50/anniversary.htm

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 11 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998) and 1203 (1998) of the Security Council (S/1998/1147)

Other matters

Announcement

A formal meeting of the Security Council will be held on Wednesday, 16 December 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, to consider the agenda item entitled "Maintenance of peace and security and post-conflict peace-building". The list of speakers is open for inscriptions. Interested delegations may contact the Secretariat at telephone No. (212) 963-5257 or Room S-3520D.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	89th PLENARY MEETING*	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	90th PLENARY MEETING*	Conference Room 4

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [46 (a)]**

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* A live webcast of the plenary meeting will be available on the United Nations Website on the Internet at the following address: http://www.un.org/rights/50/anniversary.htm

** See list of speakers below (some of the speakers listed may have already made statements at the 88th plenary meeting). At its 76th plenary meeting on 2 December 1998, the General Assembly decided that statements made in the plenary during the commemoration would be limited to five minutes.

List of speakers for the commemoration

43. Ukraine
44. Liechtenstein
45. Bangladesh
46. India
47. Egypt
48. Belarus
49. Guyana
50. United Arab Emirates
51. El Salvador
52. Cyprus
53. Kazakhstan
54. Paraguay
55. Uruguay
56. Lebanon
57. Burkina Faso
58. Poland (H.E. Mr. Janusz Stańczyk, Deputy Foreign Minister)
59. Germany
60. Senegal (H.E. Mr. Jacques Baudin, Minister for Foreign Affairs)
61. Solomon Islands
62. South Africa
63. Turkey
64. Philippines
65. Georgia
66. Republic of Korea
67. Morocco
68. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
69. Côte d'Ivoire
70. Israel
71. Malaysia
72. Namibia
73. Yemen
74. Islamic Republic of Iran
75. Czech Republic
76. Myanmar
77. Hungary
78. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
79. Republic of Moldova
80. Russian Federation
81. Sri Lanka
82. Viet Nam
83. Bahrain

84. Cameroon
85. Armenia
86. Latvia
87. Samoa
88. Haiti
89. Azerbaijan
90. Honduras
91. Bulgaria
92. Indonesia
93. Fiji
94. United Republic of Tanzania
95. Liberia
96. Lesotho
97. Niger
98. Dominican Republic
99. Guatemala
100. Italy
101. Jamaica
102. Maldives
103. Qatar
104. Panama
105. Mali
106. Eritrea
107. Lao People's Democratic Republic
108. Democratic Republic of the Congo
109. Gabon
110. Mauritania
111. Mauritius
112. Sudan
113. Ethiopia
114. Swaziland
115. Kuwait
116. Nicaragua
117. Sierra Leone
118. Iraq
119. Bhutan
120. Afghanistan

1. Switzerland
2. Holy See
3. International Committee of the Red Cross
4. Latin American Parliament (Mr. Juan Adolfo Singer, MP, President)
5. Sovereign Military Order of Malta

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/53/11)), 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development account and utilization of the development dividend (A/52/1009, A/53/7/Add.1, A/53/374, A/53/7/Add.4, A/C.5/53/30, A/53/664 and A/C.5/53/40)), 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice (A/C.5/53/11 and A/53/7/Add.6); First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8); Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 (A/C.5/53/2), Relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund (A/C.5/52/42 and A/53/7/Add.9); and Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System (A/53/573, A/53/662 and A/53/7/Add.8)) and 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/220 and A/53/718 and Corr.1))

6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 119 (Human resources management (A/53/642, A/53/501, A/C.5/52/2, A/52/814, A/53/266, A/53/327, A/53/342, A/53/375 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), A/53/385, A/53/414, A/53/502 and Add.1, A/53/526 and Add.1, A/53/548, A/C.5/53/L.3, A/C.5/53/34 and Corr.1 and A/53/691)) and 120 (United Nations common system (A/53/30 and Corr.1, A/52/811, A/C.5/53/4, A/C.5/53/27 and A/53/688))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Meeting with the Director of the Budget Division
2. World Food Programme

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Committee on Non-governmental Organizations will hold an informal meeting with the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations, open to all delegations and non-governmental organizations, *today*, 11 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day *today*, 11 December 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan).

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first- come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Permanent missions must ensure that standard delegation passes are obtained and other logistic arrangements are made for their participating representatives.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder@un.org)).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 11 December 1998

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ORIENTATION COURSE ON
THE SECURITY COUNCIL
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Informal presentation

A presentation on "Science for the Sustainability Transition", organized by the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will be given by Professor William Clark, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, *today*, 11 December 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room D. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Saturday, 12 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Monday, 14 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1998

Informal consultations will take place, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Vice-President of the Council, on Monday, 14 December 1998, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7, on implementation of resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B.

Informal consultations will take place, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Council, on Tuesday, 15 December 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on all matters before the resumed substantive session of the Council.

The resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council will take place on Wednesday, 16 December, at 3 p.m. and Thursday, 17 December 1998, *at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.* in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Informal consultations on consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption will be held by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Monday, 14 December 1998, at 3 p.m., Thursday, 17 December, at 10 a.m. and on Friday, 18 December, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. All meetings will be held in Conference Room 8.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Commission on Sustainable Development : consumer protection guidelines for sustainable development)* on Monday, 14 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Joint Coordinating Committee of the Non-aligned Movement and the Group of 77 on Monday, 14 December 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Informal meetings

There will be a meeting of the group of interested States established in pursuance of operative paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures) on Monday 14 December 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C. The meeting will hear briefings on the "Training for trainers" seminar held in Yaoundé (27-31 July 1998), the workshop on "Weapons collection and integration of former combatants in Central America" held in Guatemala (18-20 November 1998) and the implementation of the Pilot Project on Weapons Collection in Albania. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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An informal meeting on the forthcoming Donors Conference on "Mobilization of Resources for the Implementation of the SIDS Programme of Action for Sustainable Development", organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Monday, 14 December 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Chamber.

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The Interim Steering Committee of the Millennium NGO Forum will hold a meeting on the theme "Process, Structure and Content of the Proposed Millennium NGO Forum" on Thursday, 17 December 1998, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Representatives of all non-governmental organizations, as well as interested members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff, are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 9 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

85th plenary meeting

Reports of the Third Committee

The Rapporteur of the Third Committee introduced the reports of the Third Committee on agenda items 100 to 110 and 12.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/53/615) [100]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/615) (resolution 53/109).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 100.

Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/53/616) [101]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to V recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 18 of its report (A/53/616) (resolutions 53/110, 53/111, 53/112, 53/113 and 53/114).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 101.

International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/53/617) [102]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/617) (resolution 53/115).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 102.

Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/53/618) [103]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 18 of its report (A/53/618) (resolutions 53/116, 53/117, 53/118 and 53/119).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 103.

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]:

(a) Report of the Third Committee (A/53/619)

(b) Amendment (A/53/L.69)

The General Assembly adopted the amendment (A/53/L.69) to the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/53/619).

The Assembly adopted the draft resolution as amended (resolution 53/120).

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 104.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/53/620) [105]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to VI recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 22 of its report (A/53/620) (resolutions 53/121, 53/122, 53/123, 53/124, 53/125 and 53/126).

The representative of Armenia made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 105.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/53/621) [106]

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Argentina, Cuba, El Salvador and the Sudan.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution I recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/53/621) (resolution 53/127) and draft resolution II also recommended by the Third Committee in the same paragraph of the same report and as orally corrected by the Rapporteur (resolution 53/128).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 14 of the same report.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 106.

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: report of the Third Committee (A/53/622) [107]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/53/622) (resolutions 53/129 and 53/130).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 11 of the same report.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 107.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]:

(a) Report of the Third Committee (A/53/623)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/727)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to III recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 17 of its report (A/53/623) (resolutions 53/131, 53/132 and 53/133).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 108.

Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/53/624) [109]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the three draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/53/624).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 53/134)		adopted	
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 53/135)	115	18	35
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 53/136)	162	2	6

The representative of Australia made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 109.

Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625) [110]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in its report (A/53/625).

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments:

(i) Report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.1)

(ii) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/728)

The representative of the Sudan made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the three draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 21of its report (A/53/625/Add.1).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 53/137)		adopted	
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 53/138)	104	7	44
Draft resolution III (resolution 53/139)		adopted	

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of subitem (a) of agenda item 110.

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms:

(i) Report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.2)

(ii) Amendment (A/53/L.70)

The representative of South Africa made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendment (A/53/L.70) to draft resolution XV and also revised the amendment.

The representative of Egypt made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the sixteen draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 49 of its report (A/53/625/Add.2) and on the amendment (A/53/L.70) to draft resolution XV.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 53/140)		adopted	
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 53/141)	110	45	10

Draft resolution III (resolution 53/142)		adopted	
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 53/143)	103	2	66
Draft resolution V (resolution 53/144)		adopted	
Draft resolution VI (resolution 53/145)		adopted	
Draft resolution VII (resolution 53/146)		adopted	
Draft resolution VIII (resolution 53/147)		adopted	
Draft resolution IX (resolution 53/148)		adopted	
Draft resolution X (resolution 53/149)		adopted	
Draft resolution XI (resolution 53/150)		adopted	
Draft resolution XII (resolution 53/151)		adopted	
Draft resolution XIII (resolution 53/152)		adopted	
Draft resolution XIV (resolution 53/153)		adopted	
Draft resolution XV Amendment (A/53/L.70) as orally revised		adopted	
Draft resolution XV (as amended) (resolution 53/154)		adopted	
Draft resolution XVI (recorded vote) (resolution 53/155)	125	1	42

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Germany.

The representative of the Czech Republic made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 110.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.3)

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made the representatives of Yemen, Pakistan and Albania.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the ten draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 55 of its report (A/53/625/Add.3).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 53/156)		adopted	
Draft resolution II Operative paragraphs 4, 13, 15 and 17 (recorded vote)	93	2	57
Draft resolution II as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 53/157)	103	3	56
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 53/158)	64	41	56
Draft resolution IV (resolution 53/159)		adopted	

The representative of Austria made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly resumed action on the draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 55 of its report (A/53/625/Add.3).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution V (resolution 53/160)		adopted	
Draft resolution VI (resolution 53/161)		adopted	
Draft resolution VII (resolution 53/162)		adopted	
Draft resolution VIII (recorded vote) (resolution 53/163)	141	0	21
Draft resolution IX (recorded vote) (resolution 53/164)	122	3	34
Draft resolution X (resolution 53/165)		adopted	

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made the representatives of Benin, China, India, Lesotho and Vanuatu.

The representative of Afghanistan made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 110.

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.4)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/625/Add.4) (resolution 53/166).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 110.

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.5)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/53/625/Add.5) (resolution 53/167).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 110.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 110 as a whole.

Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Third Committee (A/53/614) [12]

The General Assembly adopted draft decisions I and II recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/614).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of all the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council allocated to the Third Committee.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Third Committee before it.

Thursday, 10 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

86th plenary meeting

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: draft resolution (A/53/L.67) [46 (a)]

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.67 (resolution 53/168).

On the occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, six prizes were awarded to individuals who had made outstanding contributions to the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms. The prizes were awarded to Ms. Sunila Abeyesekera (Sri Lanka), Ms. Angeline Acheng Atyam (Uganda), Mr. Jimmy Carter (United States of America) (in absentia), Mr. Jose Gregori (Brazil), Ms. Anna Sabatová (Czech Republic), and to the Human Right Defenders of the World.

The General Assembly continued its commemorative meeting devoted to the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Canada, the United States, the Rt. Hon. Clare Short, Secretary of State for International Development of the United Kingdom, Her Excellency Ms. Hilde Johnson, Minister for International Development and Human Rights of Norway, the representatives of Japan, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), New Zealand, Her Excellency Mrs. Cholpon Bayekova, President of the Constitutional Court of Kyrgyzstan, Her Excellency Ms. Carmen Moreno de Del Cueto, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico, the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Jordan, Australia, Andorra and Oman.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

87th and 88th plenary meetings

Note: The summary of the 87th and 88th plenary meetings of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No 1998/239).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Zimbabwe, Coordinator of informal con- sultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.16.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [123] *(A/52/799/Add.1 and A/53/722)*

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The report of the Secretary-General was contained in document A/52/799/Add.1.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/53/722).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin the same day, 10 December, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Lovemore Mazemo (Zimbabwe).

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Financial arrangements associated with the dining room at the International Court of Justice

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft decision A/C.5/53/L.17.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Integrated Management Information Systems independent experts study (A/53/662, A/53/573 and A/53/7/ Add.7)

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central and Support Services introduced the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the forward-looking study of the Integrated Management Information System conducted by independent experts (A/53/662).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this report.

Relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund (A/C.5/52/42 and A/53/7/Add.9)

The report of the Secretary-General was contained in document (A/C.5/52/42).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/53/7/Add.9).

Statements were made by the representatives Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Cyprus, Liechtenstein and Norway), Cuba and the United States.

At the request of the representative of Cuba, the Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held in the context of the ongoing consultations of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999.

The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security(A/C.5/53/45 and A/53/ 734)

The Committee had before it the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.66 (A/C.5/53/45).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced and orally corrected the report of that Committee (A/53/734).

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The Chairman informed the Committee that it would revert to this question at a later stage.

Consolidation of technical secretariat servicing of intergovernmental bodies (A/53/452)

The Assistant Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/452).

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the representative of Cuba made a statement.

On a proposal by the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly to take note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/452) and to revert to this question as appropriate.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question at this stage.

Letter dated 29 October 1998 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/53/31)

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a letter addressed to him from the President of the General Assembly transmitting a letter from the Chairman of the Sixth Committee concerning the observations submitted by the International Court of Justice in response to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 52/161.

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the Committee agreed, to take note of the letter from the Chairman of the Sixth Committee (A/C.5/53/31).

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations System (A/53/171/Add.1)

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (A/53/171/Add.1) on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system" (A/53/171).

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Cuba and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this report at this stage.

Other matters

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made a statement regarding the concerns expressed at the Committee's 39th meeting on 4 December on the question of the presentation of oral reports by that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Austria, Pakistan, Cameroon, Uganda, the Bahamas and New Zealand.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee responded to questions posed.

The Chairman also made a statement.

The representative of Portugal requested a conference room paper on the standards of accommodation for air travel and other travel related issues to be submitted to the resumed session of the Fifth Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Cameroon and Uganda.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Liechtenstein (10 December 1998)*

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Liechtenstein (10 December 1998)*

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989

Accession: Liechtenstein (10 December 1998)*

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Ratification: Lithuania (10 December 1998)*

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Liechtenstein (10 December 1998)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Indonesia (10 December 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Accession: Sri Lanka (9 December 1998)*

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Finland (14 July 1998)*
Acceptance: Bahrain (20 July 1998)*
Acceptance: Tajikistan (21 July 1998)*
Acceptance: Thailand (4 August 1998)*
Acceptance: Peru (19 August 1998)*
Acceptance: Samoa (19 August 1998)*
Acceptance: Dominica (26 August 1998)*
Acceptance: Micronesia (Federated States of) (9 September 1998)*
Acceptance: Benin (10 September 1998)*
Acceptance: Seychelles (10 September 1998)*
Acceptance: Zimbabwe (14 September 1998)*
Acceptance: Comoros (15 September 1998)*
Acceptance: Sweden (16 September 1998)*
Acceptance: Côte d'Ivoire (24 September 1998)*
Acceptance: Angola (29 September 1998)*
Acceptance: Vanuatu (5 October 1998)*
Acceptance: Democratic People's Republic of Korea (7 October 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Acceptance: Lebanon (21 October 1998)*
Acceptance: Slovenia (21 October 1998)*
Acceptance: Ghana (5 November 1998)*
Acceptance: Mali (5 November 1998)*
Acceptance: Palau (5 November 1998)*
Acceptance: San Marino (5 November 1998)*
Acceptance: China (6 November 1998)*
Acceptance: Switzerland (13 November 1998)*
Acceptance: Oman (4 December 1998)*
Acceptance: Singapore (4 December 1998)*
Acceptance: Greece (7 December 1998)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Colombia (10 December 1998)
Signature: Germany (10 December 1998)
Signature: Lithuania (10 December 1998)

Amendments to articles 3 (5) and 9 (8) of the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. Colombo, 2º November 1991

Ratification: Bhutan (8 December 1998)*
Accession: Sri Lanka (9 December 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 12 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8); Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 (A/C.5/53/2); Relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund (A/C.5/52/42 and A/53/7/Add.9): and Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System (A/53/573, A/53/662 and A/53/7/Add.8)) and 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/220 and A/53/718 and Corr.1))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 145 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

Announcement

A formal meeting of the Security Council will be held on Wednesday, 16 December 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, to consider the agenda item entitled "Maintenance of peace and security and post-conflict peace-building". The list of speakers is open for inscriptions. Interested delegations may contact the Secretariat at telephone no. (212) 963-5257 or room S-3520D.

Monday, 14 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Pattern of conferences [117]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.24

2. Programme planning [114]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.18

3. Human resources management [119]

   Action on draft decision A/C.5/53/L.26

4. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   (a) Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice, judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.25

   (b) The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

   Consideration of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.66

   (A/C.5/53/45 and A/53/734)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8); Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 (A/C.5/53/2); Relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund (A/C.5/52/42 and A/53/7/Add.9); and Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System (A/53/573, A/53/662 and A/53/7/Add.8)) and 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/220 and A/53/718 and Corr.1))

7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

All outstanding issues

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Contingency Fund consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

2. Recosting

* Following the adjournment of the 43rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1998

4.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Vice-President of the Council, on implementation of resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Resumed 1998 session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	678th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Opening of the resumed 1998 session of the Committee
2. Election of officers [1]
3. New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)] (E/C.2/1998/R.2/Add.16-27)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	679th meeting	Conference Room 1

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)] (E/C.2/1998/R.2/Add.16-27)

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Informal consultations on consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption will be held by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Monday, 14 December 1998, at 3 p.m., Thursday, 17 December, at 10 a.m. and on Friday, 18 December, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. All meetings will be held in Conference Room 8.

Announcement

A non-paper on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on "Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-first Century", as requested by the consultations of the Commission on the Status of Women, will be available for pick-up by interested delegations on Monday, 14 December 1998, after 3 p.m., in room DC2-1216.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 14 December 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on the Commission on Sustainable Development: consumer protection guidelines for sustainable development)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP:
SECOND COMMITTEE EXPERTS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND
THE GROUP OF 77

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ORIENTATION COURSE ON
THE SECURITY COUNCIL
FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Workshop

There will be a Workshop for non-governmental organizations on consultative status with the Economic and Social Council on Monday, 14 December 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. Conference Room C.

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Informal meeting

There will be a meeting of the group of interested States established in pursuance of operative paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures) on Monday, 14 December 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C. The meeting will hear briefings on the "Training for trainers" seminar held in Yaoundé (27-31 July 1998), the workshop on "Weapons collection and integration of former combatants in Central America" held in Guatemala (18-20 November 1998) and the implementation of the Pilot Project on Weapons Collection in Albania. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) will be held on Monday, 14 December 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) will be held on Monday, 14 December 1998, at 4.10 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 15 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 91st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606 and Add. 5) [91]:

   (a) Trade and development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.1)

   (b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.2)

   (c) Commodities: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.3)

   (d) External debt crisis and development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.4)

2. Sectoral policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/53/607) [92]

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608) [93]:

   (a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.1)

   (b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.2)

   (c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II): report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.3)

   (d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.4)

   (e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.5)

   (f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.6)

   (g) Cultural development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.7)

4. Environment and sustainable development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609 and Add.6) [94]:

   (a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.1)

   (b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.2)

   (c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.3)

   (d) Convention on Biological Diversity: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.4)

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.5)

5. Operational activities for development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/610) [95]

6. Training and research: report of the Second Committee (A/53/611) [96]

7. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/53/612) [97]

8. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006): report of the Second Committee (A/53/613) [98]

9. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Second Committee (A/53/605) [12]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 3

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1998

Informal consultations will take place, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Council, on Tuesday, 15 December 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on all matters before the resumed substantive session of the Council.

The resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council will take place on Wednesday, 16 December, at 3 p.m. and Thursday, 17 December 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1999 on Monday, 11 January 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

The first regular session 1999 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 January 1999 in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1999/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 15 January 1999.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Informal meeting

The Interim Steering Committee of the Millennium NGO Forum will hold a meeting on the theme "Process, Structure and Content of the Proposed Millennium NGO Forum" on Thursday, 17 December 1998, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Representatives of all non-governmental organizations, as well as interested members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff, are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 10 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

87th plenary meeting

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [46 (a)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Benin, Mozambique, Monaco, Iceland, Botswana, Tunisia, Mongolia and Singapore; Her Excellency Ms. María Lorenzo Alcala, Under-Secretary for Human Rights of Argentina; the representatives of Brazil, Croatia and Nigeria; His Excellency Mr. Ramón Jiménez Carbo, Attorney General of Ecuador; the representative of Chile; His Excellency M.R. Sukhumband Paribatra, Deputy Foreign Minister of Thailand; the representatives of Colombia, Peru, China and Romania; His Excellency Mr. Vytautas Pakalniskis, Minister of Justice of Lithuania; the representatives of Malta and Costa Rica; His Excellency Ch. Abdul Ghafoor, Federal Minister of Pakistan; the representative of Uganda; and His Excellency Mr. Asdrubal Aguiar, Minister of Interior of Venezuela.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

88th plenary meeting

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [46 (a)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Liechtenstein, Bangladesh, India, Egypt, Belarus, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the United Arab Emirates, El Salvador, Cyprus, Kazakhstan, Paraguay, Uruguay, Lebanon and Burkina Faso; His Excellency Mr. Janusz Stańczyk, Deputy Foreign Minister of Poland; the representative of Germany; His Excellency Mr. Jacques Baudin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Senegal; the representatives of Viet Nam, Turkey, Côte d'Ivoire and the Republic of Korea.

Friday, 11 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3953rd meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1998/36).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

89th plenary meeting

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [46 (a)]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Georgia, Mauritania, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, South Africa, Israel, Malaysia, Namibia, Yemen, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Czech Republic, Myanmar, Hungary, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Solomon Islands, Bahrain, Cameroon, Armenia, Latvia, Samoa, Haiti, Qatar, Honduras, Bulgaria, Indonesia, Fiji, the United Republic of Tanzania, Liberia, Lesotho, the Niger, the Dominican Republic and Guatemala.

90th plenary meeting

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: draft decision (A/53/L.71) [46 (a)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy, Jamaica, Maldives, Azerbaijan, Panama and Mali.

In connection with draft decision A/53/L.71, the General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of the rules of procedure.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/53/L.71.

Statements were made by the representatives of Eritrea, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Morocco, Mauritius, the Sudan, Ethiopia, Swaziland, Kuwait, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone, Iraq, Afghanistan and Slovakia.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 76th plenary meeting on 2 December 1998, statements were made by the observers of Switzerland and the Holy See.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/265 of 24 August 1994, the observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta made a statement.

The Vice-President declared concluded the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 46 (a).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of a gift

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Senegal
H.E. Mr. Ibra Deguène Ka

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal

Eastern European States:
Russian Federation
H.E. Mr. Sergey V. Lavrov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Ricardo G. Castaneda-Cornejo

Western European and Other States:
Autriche
H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 15 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/1998/1160)

Cyprus (S/1998/1149 and S/1998/1166)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	91st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606 and Add.5) [91]:

   (a) Trade and development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.1)

   (b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.2)

(continued overleaf)

Announcement

A formal meeting of the Security Council will be held on Wednesday, 16 December 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, to consider the agenda item entitled "Maintenance of peace and security and post-conflict peace-building". The list of speakers is open for inscriptions. Interested delegations may contact the Secretariat at telephone no. (212) 963-5257 or Room S-3520D. *It is requested that statements not exceed seven minutes.*

(c) Commodities: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.3)

(d) External debt crisis and development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/606/Add.4)

2. Sectoral policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/53/607) [92]

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608) [93]:

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.1)

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.2)

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II): report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.3)

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.4)

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.5)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.6)

(g) Cultural development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/608/Add.7)

4. Environment and sustainable development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609 and Add.6) [94]:

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.1)

(b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.2)

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.3)

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.4)

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa: report of the Second Committee (A/53/609/Add.5)

5. Operational activities for development: report of the Second Committee (A/53/610) [95]

6. Training and research: report of the Second Committee (A/53/611) [96]

7. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/53/612) [97]

8. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006): report of the Second Committee (A/53/613) [98]

9. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Second Committee (A/53/605) [12]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   Revised estimates on the United Nations Political Office in Bougainville (A/C.5/53/47)

2. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.21

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659)); and all other outstanding issues

* Following the adjournment of the 44th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1998

4 p.m.-7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Council, on all matters before the resumed substantive session of the Council (documents E/1998/99 and E/1998/L.51)

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	680th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	681st meeting	Conference Room 1

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)] (E/C.2/1998/R.2/Add.16-27)

Announcement

A non-paper on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on "Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-first Century", as requested by the consultations of the Commission on the Status of Women, is available for pick-up by interested delegations in room DC2-1216.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 15 December 1998

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Workshop

There will be a Workshop for non-governmental organizations on consultative status with the Economic and Social Council *today*, 15 December 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 16 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1998

The resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council will take place on Wednesday, 16 December, at 3 p.m. and Thursday, 17 December 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The provisional agenda is contained in document E/1998/99.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1999 on Monday, 11 January 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

The first regular session 1999 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 January 1999 in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1999/ L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 15 January 1999.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/ 1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal meeting

The Interim Steering Committee of the Millennium NGO Forum will hold a meeting on the theme "Process, Structure and Content of the Proposed Millennium NGO Forum" on Thursday, 17 December 1998, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Representatives of all non-governmental organizations, as well as interested members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff, are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 14 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 43rd meeting

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.19.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Pattern of conferences [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Tunisia, Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.24.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The representative of Poland aligned itself with the statement made by the representative Austria, who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Programme planning [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Uganda, Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.18.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Following the adoption of the resolution statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives Austria (on behalf of the European Union) , Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Cuba.

The representative of Poland aligned itself with the statement made by the representative Austria, who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Australia, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft decision A/C.5/53/L.26.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Indonesia.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Following the adoption of the draft decision, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan and India.

The representative of Poland aligned itself with the statement made by the representative Austria, who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

The representative of the Bahamas, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.25.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations would be held on this issue as soon as possible.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS 678th meeting

Opening of the resumed 1998 session

The resumed session was opened by the Chairman.

The Officer-in-charge of the Policy Coordination Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made a statement.

Election of officers [1]

Ms. Joyce Duffy (Ireland) was elected as Vice-Chairman, who would also serve as Rapporteur.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and India, after which the Committee adopted the organization of work, as contained in Working Paper 1, as orally amended.

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [3 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Costa Rica, India, Cuba, the United Kingdom, China, Greece, the Sudan, the Russian Federation, Ethiopia and Tunisia, as well by the observer for Algeria.

679th meeting

The Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece, Costa Rica, India, the United Kingdom, Cuba, the United States, Ireland and the Sudan, as well by the observers for Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and Algeria. The observer of Palestine also made a statement.

Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 and decision 1995/304 [6]

The representative of India made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Latvia (14 December 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of gifts

Today, 15 December 1998, at 12.45 p.m., the Ambassadors of Spain and the Dominican Republic will present to the Secretary-General the restored mural by the Spanish artist José Vela Zanetti, on the third floor of the Conference Building. The mural was donated to the United Nations in 1952 by the Government of the Dominican Republic. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 15 December 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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